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TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF HOLDEN,

For the Year 1873-74.



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## TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

### PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid A. B. Farrington, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	\$95 00
“ A. P. Levensaler, “ “ “ “	29 75
“ Geo. W. Phillips, “ “ “ “	20 25
“ A. B. Farrington, Town Clerk.....	6 00
“ F. K. Hart, Constable.....	3 00
“ F. K. Hart, Collector and Treasurer.....	41 82
“ A. B. Farrington, Collector for 1872 .....	38 68
“ Dr. J. Fogg, Auditor on Town House bills....	1 00
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	\$235 50

### FOR SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid for A. Judson Clark .....	\$84 21
“ Wm. W. Smith .....	143 57
“ Samuel Staples and family.....	307 73
“ Joseph Ring “ “ .....	169 42
“ Alex. W. Rowell and family.. .	20 00
“ Wm. S. Willia and family.....	10 00
“ Wm. Treadwell.....	52 00
“ Elias G. Blake.....	59 49
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	\$846 42

### PAID IN MONEY FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR ROADS

District No. 2, 1872.....	\$4 59
“ 2, 1873.....	29 56
“ 3, 1873.....	5 43
“ 5, 1873.....	46 85
“ 6, 1873.....	18 92
“ 9, 1873.....	11 50
“ 10, 1873.....	197 56
“ 12, 1873.....	134 94
For Charles F. Clark's road ..	10 00
For completing Kinney road.....	97 18
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	\$556 53

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount raised by vote of the town . . . . .	\$800 00
“ received from State school fund . . . . .	195 49
“ interest on school fund of town . . . . .	19 67
“ of mill tax from State . . . . .	291 29
	<hr/> \$1,306 45

Apportioned as follows :

Districts.	Names of Agents.	No. of Scholars.	Apportioned 1873.	Balance due District, Mar. 7, 1873.	Amount paid.	Due Districts Feb. 24, 1874.
Wiswell.....	Charles Copeland.....	47	\$211 73	\$76 48	\$165 95	\$122 26
Centre.....	Andrew Steele.....	51	229 76	42 50	202 05	70 21
South.....	Henry T. Hart.....	35	157 68	28 68	134 51	51 86
Rollins.....	Henry C. Sweet.....	27	121 63	19 27	38 90	102 00
Mann.....	Wm. G. Field.....	34	153 17	49 90	160 30	42 77
Clewley.....	Geo. G. Kinney.....	43	193 71	51 46	165 25	79 92
Rowe.....	Wm. A. Rowe.....	31	139 66	77 19	161 65	55 20
Burton.....	John Burton.....	22	99 11	23 06	95 92	23 25
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						\$550 47

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1873-4.

Paid balance County tax for 1872 . . . . .	\$127 83
“ balance State tax for 1872 . . . . .	744 42
“ Charles H. Pinkham for damage (by defect in road) . . . . .	75 00
“ for printing reports for 1872—’73 . . . . .	10 00
“ for repairing town pump . . . . .	2 50
“ for repairing town plow, 60c., do. Crawford’s plow, \$4.61. . . . .	5 21
“ for repairing and washing hearse . . . . .	2 00
“ for repairing hinges to hearse house . . . . .	50
“ for new pump and setting up same . . . . .	9 95
“ for labor on granite for Town house . . . . .	1 00
“ for books, stationery and postage . . . . .	23 44
“ for road scraper for town . . . . .	8 00
“ R. Hart, as part of loan . . . . .	106 35
“ Asa S. Hart, for care of Town house and for fuel and lights, . . . . .	3 00
“ for discount on taxes . . . . .	74 79
“ for abatements on taxes . . . . .	71 72
“ for breaking out roads . . . . .	581 09
	<hr/> \$1,846 80

## Expense in each Highway District for Breaking Roads, Winter of 1872-3.

District No. 1 . . . . .	\$39 50	District No. 8 . . . . .	76 36
“ “ 2 . . . . .	9 60	“ “ 9 . . . . .	62 88
“ “ 3 . . . . .	65 48	“ “ 10 . . . . .	116 58
“ “ 4 . . . . .	34 35	“ “ 12 . . . . .	27 31
“ “ 5 . . . . .	9 00	“ “ 13 . . . . .	33 15
“ “ 6 . . . . .	53 84		
“ “ 7 . . . . .	53 04		
			<hr/> \$581 09

## RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Amount raised by vote of town, as follows :

For schools .....	\$800 00
For support of poor .....	400 00
For breaking out roads.....	500 00
For pay of town officers.....	200 00
For incidental expenses.....	100 00
For part pay of loan for town house.....	500 00
Total raised by vote of town.....	\$2,500 00
State tax for 1873.....	969 65
County tax for 1873 .....	307 00
Overlaying and fractional gains.....	173 37
Deficiency of highway tax for 1872.....	161 83
Total committed to Collector .....	4,111 85
Cash of Asa S. Hart (collected for rent of town house) ....	54 50
Amount of School fund from State.....	195 49
Amount of Mill tax for Schools, from State.....	291 29
Cash paid by Wm. W. Smith, in part for his support.....	30 00
Cash paid by A. B. Farrington, former Collector.....	1,772 27
Cash paid by Wm. S. Willia, for support of himself and family,	10 00
	<u>\$6,465 40</u>

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN, FEB. 26, 1874.

Balance due from Collector for 1872 .....	\$298 15
Balance due from Collector for 1873 .....	2,238 64
	<u>2,536 79</u>
Liabilities of the town, deducted.....	2,340 14
Balance in favor of town .....	<u>\$196 65</u>

## TOWN VALUATION FOR 1873.

Real estate of residents .....	\$102,450 00
Real estate of non-residents .....	15,757 00
Personal estate of residents.....	35,001 75
Personal estate of non-residents.....	292 50
	<u>\$153,501 25</u>

Rate of tax, \$2.20 per \$100.

Tax assessed an real estate of residents .....	\$2,253 85
Tax assessed on real estate of non-residents.....	346 67
Tax assessed on personal estate of residents .....	770 06
Tax assessed on personal estate of non-residents.....	6 44
Tax assessed on 191 Polls, assessed \$3.00 each.....	573 00
Deficiency of highway taxes for 1872 .....	161 83
	<u>\$4,111 85</u>



## EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

Pay of Town officers.....	\$235 50
Support of the poor.....	846 42
Money for repairing, and making new roads.....	556 53
For Schools .....	1,124 53
County tax, (in part) 1873.....	157 00
Miscellaneous expenses .....	1,846 80
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	\$4,766 78
Deduct outstanding orders.....	540 02
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	4,226 76
Balance due from Collector for 1873.....	2,238 64
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	\$6,465 40

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, FEB. 26, 1874.

State tax for 1873 (unpaid).....	\$969 65
County tax, in part, " .....	150 00
Amount due the School Districts .....	550 47
Amount bills not presented (about).....	130 00
Amount of outstanding orders .....	540 02
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	\$2,340 14

## AMOUNT OF HIGHWAY TAX COMMITTED TO THE SURVEYORS.

District No. 1, Geo. C. Wiswell .....	\$111 30
" " 2, A. B. Farrington.....	187 54
" " 3, Thomas J. Hart.....	126 15
" " 4, Levi S. Torrance.....	56 16
" " 5, Asa S. Hart .. ..	175 11
" " 6, E. L. Winchester.....	104 43
" " 7, C. N. Shepard.....	55 88
" " 8, Elbridge Mann.....	76 91
" " 9, Peter Chadwick .....	118 73
" " 10, Hiram C. Levensaler.....	65 32
" " 11, Joseph E. Rowe, Jr.....	47 60
" " 12, Edward W. Moore.....	30 87
" " 13, Thomas R. Copeland .....	95 20
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	\$1,251 20

A. B. FARRINGTON, } Selectmen  
 A. P. LEVENSALER, } of  
 GEO. W. PHILLIPS. } Holden.

HOLDEN, Feb'y 26th, 1874.

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

For 1873--74.

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### WISWELL DISTRICT.

Summer Term—Miss Clara B. Hart, Teacher. This school was composed of small scholars, and the attendance was not very regular. The average number, 13. Fair improvement was apparent. Length of school, eight weeks.

Winter Term—Edward S. Farrington, teacher. This school we found in a very good state and bid fair to be a profitable school, when we first visited it. At our second visit we found our expectations not realized. The teacher appeared anxious to discharge his duty, but a general disaffection was apparent among the scholars towards their teacher. Average number of scholars, 13. Length of school, ten weeks.

### CENTRE DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—This school was taught by Miss Emma L. Burrill. The scholars made very good progress in their studies, and the appearance of the school when visited was very satisfactory to us. Length of school, ten weeks. Average number of scholars, 16.

Winter term was taught by Mr. Fred. L. Drew. At our first visit we found the school in good state—good order among the scholars and an interest was manifested among the scholars to study. At our last visit we found the school in fine state; the scholars had made good progress in their several branches, and their appearance, as well as their recitations, was highly pleasing to us. Length of school, twelve weeks. Average number of scholars, 22.

### SOUTH DISTRICT.

The Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss Josie A. Wilson. These were profitable schools; the scholars made fine improvement in those branches which they pursued, and their deportment was highly pleasing at our last visits. Length of Summer school, nine weeks; average number of scholars, 20. Length of Fall school, 10 weeks; average number of scholars, 20.

### ROLLINS DISTRICT.

The Summer school was taught by Miss Fannie H. Griffin. This was Miss Griffin's first school, and considering her inexperience in teaching, we think she succeeded well in its management. The school appeared in a very good condition when visited, and the scholars made good improvement. Length of school, seven weeks; average number of scholars, 14.

Winter term was taught by Mr. E. B. Comins. At our first visit we found this school in a very fine condition. The scholars appeared very quiet and studious and it promised to be a profitable school. At our last visit we are happy to state that we were not disappointed in our expectations. We found the school quiet, the scholars had been very regular in their attendance and fine improvement was made in their several studies. Length of school, eight weeks; average number, 20.

#### MANN DISTRICT.

Summer term was taught by Miss Ella L. Ward. At our first visit we found the school in a very good state and bid fair to be a very good school. At our last visit we found but few scholars in attendance, the whooping cough having been so prevalent among the scholars that very few were able to attend school; therefore we are unable to state the progress made. Length of school, ten weeks; average number of scholars, 12.

Winter term taught by Miss Ella F. Lovejoy. At our first visit we found the school in a very good state and the teacher appeared anxious to make this a profitable school. At our last visit, found the school in fair state and the scholars had made very good progress in their studies. Length of the school, twelve weeks; average number of scholars, 15.

#### CLEWLEY DISTRICT.

Summer school was taught by Miss M. A. Knowlen. This was her first school, and considering her inexperience in teaching, we think she succeeded very well in managing the school, and the scholars made very good improvement. Length of the school, ten weeks; average number of scholars, 24.

Winter term was taught by Miss Sarah G. Linscott. At our first visit we found the school in a very good state and we are gratified to be able to state that at our last visit we found the school in a flourishing condition. The scholars made fine progress, and the recitations were highly satisfactory to us. Length of school, thirteen weeks; average number of scholars, 24.

#### ROWE DISTRICT.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Mary Cole. At our first visit we found the school composed of small scholars, and the general appearance was favorable. At our last visit, found but very few scholars. The whooping cough had made great interruption in the school, so that little benefit was derived therefrom. Length of school, ten weeks; average number of scholars, 17.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Alice E. Levenseller. At our first visit we found the school in a prosperous state, and at our last, found that the scholars appeared very much interested in their recitations and had made commendable improvement. Length of school, thirteen weeks; average number of scholars, 19.

#### BURTON DISTRICT.

Summer term taught by Miss Sarah S. Torrance. When visited the first time the school appeared in a very good state. At our last visit we found that some of the scholars had been very irregular in their attendance; those who had attended regularly had made very good progress. Length of school, eight weeks; average number of scholars, 10.



Full term was taught by Miss Amelia F. Leighton. This school made fair progress in their studies, but there is not so much interest manifested among the scholars as could be wished and they did not attend as regularly as they ought to attend to make good advancement. Length of school, eight weeks; average number of scholars, 10.

REMARKS.—The report thus far shows that our schools during the past year have been as good as usual, and the progress made by our scholars will compare favorably with those in our neighboring towns; but we still think they ought to be more efficient for the amount of money expended for their support. You raise money for the support of schools, choose a committee to superintend the schools, and if you do not have good schools you lay the blame to the teachers and those having the superintendence of the schools. We do not deny that part of the blame ought justly to be charged to them; but whilst acknowledging our shortcomings, are not parents at fault in the course they pursue in not making a personal inspection and seeing for themselves the condition of the schools. We think if they would make a personal inspection of the schools, we should hear less complaint from the scholars and parents. Less fault would be found with the teachers by disaffected scholars, knowing that parents looked into the merits of the schools for themselves and were competent to judge for themselves. A less number of scholars would be allowed to leave school for some trifling offense, real or imaginary.

There is a great responsibility upon the school agents in their selection of teachers. They should, as far as possible, engage those who are well qualified to teach and to govern the school. We are ready to acknowledge that the agent has a difficult office; to obtain a good teacher is often a very hard task.

Co-operation of the parents with teachers and committee will do much to improve the condition of our schools. We contend that no amount of legislation and no amount of exertion on the part of the Superintending School Committee or teachers can make a school what it should be, without the hearty co-operation of the parents.

J. FOGG, Supervisor.

HOLDEN, March 2, 1874.

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